General Information for ‘Marriage Matters’

Conference Objectives

* Discover the core issues in personalities and relationships
* Develop practical communication skills
* Learn conflict resolution processes and skills
* Understand the origins of depression
* Identify strategies to control anger
* Define and deepen genuine love
* Learn to forgive yourself and others

Design and Format

* **This conference provides biblical and psychological insight for individuals in all stages of life.**
* **Every session is designed to help individuals and/or equip attendees to help others in various situations.**
* **The Sunday morning Bible classes for all teens and adults are key to the success of the conference. Please encourage attendance.**
* **Provision for childcare is helpful. Some congregations elect to also supervise ‘study halls’ for older children.**
* **Five to six free and confidential counseling sessions will be arranged on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis. Lynn will arrange these sessions.**

Church and Community Preparation

* Pray for us and everyone who will attend.
* **Personally urge all members to attend.\* This encouragement seems most**

**effective when provided by the eldership. Emphasize the material far surpasses topics other than marriage.**

* **Personally invite past visitors.\***
* **Urge members to personallyinvite neighbors and friends.\***
* **Use social media and web sites to advertise the conference and session summaries at least six to eight weeks in advance.**
* **Place brochures or flyers in public places.**
* **Show the promotional video and hand out the session summaries for at least**

**two consecutive weeks before the conference begins.**

* **Print the conference schedule along with the outline of “The Servant Heart” in the bulletin the Sunday the conference begins.**
* **Make every effort to have a record attendance at the Bible class hour on Sunday morning**.
* **Have ushers in place at least 15 minutes before each session begins to welcome attendees and hand out outlines.**
* **Provide childcare for each session.**
* **Prepare a follow-up plan for visitors so they will be personally contacted within one week following the conference.**

# Equipment

* **All the sessions except for the Sunday morning Bible classes are supported by Power Point.**
* **Two tables will be needed. One will serve as the media table in the foyer. All the sessions are co-taught except the Sunday morning Bible classes and Jerry’s Sunday a.m. and p.m. sermons. For the joint presentations we will need another table on the platform with a floor length tablecloth and two chairs. Both of us will need a wireless microphone.**

# Personal Needs

* **We will need a king (non-smoking) motel room with provisions in the motel for counseling sessions. We do not hold counseling sessions in our living quarters but often the motel ‘breakfast area’ is suitable.**
* **Although we love socializing as much as possible, our meals are not scheduled because of the counseling sessions.**

***\*We have found that advertisement is helpful but nothing takes the place of personal invitation.***

*Thank you for your assistance in these areas.*

*May God be glorified!*